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SILVER BAY SPECIAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the Silver Bay Special Harvest Area:

The Silver Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) will open to commercial trolling at 12:01 a.m., July 1 and will remain open through 11:59 p.m., July 30 (5 AAC 33.375). The Silver Bay SHA includes waters **east** of a line from Entry Point Light to Silver Point, with the following restriction:

Bear Cove: the waters of Bear Cove will remain closed east of a line from a point on the Baranof Island south shore at 57°00.77′ N. latitude, 135°09.08′ W. longitude, to the north shore at 57°00.94′ N. latitude, 135°09.23′ W. longitude.

Within the Silver Bay SHA <u>only</u> king salmon 26" or greater may be retained. King salmon less than 28" in length must be offloaded prior to fishing outside of the Silver Bay SHA. Following the closure of the first king salmon retention period, all king harvested within the SHA must be <u>offloaded</u> prior to trolling outside of the SHA boundaries. As previously announced, the first king salmon opening will be managed inseason, with no pre-determined length and will be closed by emergency order.

Statistical area 113-35 should be recorded on **fish tickets** for harvest within the Silver Bay Special Harvest Area. Fish harvested in the SHA should be separated from fish caught outside the SHA, so that department personnel will have the opportunity to obtain biological samples.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1E0912.

Troll fishery information can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon.

News releases web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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